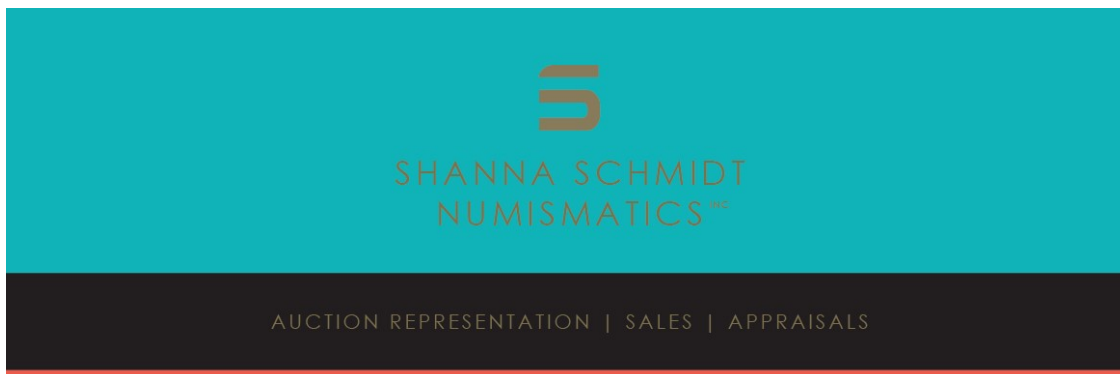


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Newsletter #89:

What's New at Shanna Schmidt Numismatics Inc.

Hello everyone! I didn't send out the newsletter yesterday as I typically do every Friday as I was on a long flight back home from Europe. A month away is a long trip indeed. While it was tiring I'm very glad to have gone because in addition to the four auctions that were happening, I also had the opportunity to preview several more that are upcoming. I am offering representation services for Gorny & Mosch, Nomos, Leu since I viewed all those auctions. Please get in touch if you have questions or want representation.

Here is what is happening this week:

Gorny & Mosch Auction 257 (October 15-16)

I'll be getting up early on the 15th to bid online in Gorny & Mosch since I left Germany yesterday. G&M has a nice auction comprised of 1,036 coins for their ancients portion. To be frank, I'm happy to be bidding at home for the auction since there is no WiFi available at the auction so it would have been difficult to bid the way I normally need to. Additionally G&M doesn't charge extra for bidding online. Please get in touch as soon as possible if you need me to bid for you. I won't be able to view coins anymore obviously but I can do all the work for those of you that don't want to be up before you need to!

Stacks Bowers Collector's Choice Online Auction (October 16)

Stacks Bowers is conducting a small online auction of 85 lots of ancient coins on October 16. This is the first time I've noticed that SB is doing a smaller online sale. I'm sure that they have done others. I'm assuming I missed it. It looks like all of the coins are encapsulated so if you don't want to buy plasticized coins you'll want to opt out of this one. The estimates seemed very reasonable and there was some nice material available. Check it out on Sixbid or Numisbids for more information.

Maison Palumbo Geneve Auction 17 (October 20)

Palumbo will hold a much anticipated auction on October 20th in Geneva. The ancient section is only 118 coins but there are several important pieces that are being offered. Their cover piece is one of the highlights of the sale (obviously....being on the cover!). The very rare T. Quinctius Flamininus is starting at a staggering level of 500,000-700,000 Swiss. This Republican coin is exceedingly rare being among the first of the Roman series to show the image of a person that was not a deity. There are also some very notable Greek coins with pedigrees such as Kunstfreund that will certainly be popular amongst collectors. Whether this auction will be affordable for the majority of us is uncertain but it certainly will be fun to witness! I'm possibly bidding in this auction depending on customer interest so please get in touch soon should you want to bid so I can set up phone and/or online bidding.

Sincona Auctions 49-53 (October 23-25)

The Zurich auction house Sincona mailed several catalogs that arrived to my house while I was away in Europe. The majority of coins will likely not appeal to my customers but I wanted to point out the auctions as they really do a spectacular job of cataloguing their material. Wonderful hard-bound catalogs with very interesting material is offered. As I buy more world coin material I find their auctions very impressive but this is still a small part of my business. The one catalog that I found really great is their catalog #50, titled Sincona Jubilee Auction. This small catalog of 233 coins is a tribute to several dealers with auction houses in Europe and abroad. A heartfelt introduction explains that the tiny industry of dealers, while competitors (termed "friendly rivals") essentially work together to help keep the business of selling coins vital. I like the concept of Sincona celebrating their 50th catalog by sharing their success with other dealers by having them consign coins for this sale. A very nice touch indeed. As I mentioned, most of the coins are world but it is worth your time to take a peek in the catalogs. Also, please get in touch with me if you want a copy of their catalogs. I have them and will gladly mail them out to you free of charge. I'm also available for bidding if you need my help.

Morton & Eden Auction 96 (October 24)

I had the opportunity to view and photograph most of the 100 ancient coins that are being auctioned on October 24th in London. The 50 Greek coins are absolutely stunning and the pedigrees are quite good as well. I'm planning to phone bid the auction so get in touch soon should you need my help.

Upcoming Trade Shows

There are two trade shows that I will be attending, one with a table and the other I am only attending. The first show that I am attending and not exhibiting is the Whitman Expo in Baltimore on October 26. I initially had a table for the show but I had to cancel this time due to this extraordinarily long trip I am on (I still have children I need to see sometimes!). That said I decided to come out for the day and so I can meet with anyone that wants to make an appointment with me. I'm planning to run for the ANA board of governors in this upcoming election so I'm taking the opportunity to meet with U.S.

coin dealers that might not know me. I'll be the one with fliers in her hand and working the room like a politician.

From Nov 29-Dec 1 I will be attending the long awaited San Francisco Bourse. After the untimely death of dealer Tom Cederlind the show had no serious representation. This has now changed and the show will take place after an absence of 3 years. I've sent out postcards about this show to some of my customers. I hope if you live near San Francisco or if you just want a weekend getaway that you'll consider coming. San Francisco is a small venue but a fun show traditionally. I hope to see some of you there.



Coin of the Week

<https://www.shannaschmidt.com/greek-coins/attica-athens-c-454-404-bc>

ATTICA, Athens. c. 454-404 BC

AR Drachm, 4.28g (14mm, 6h). Head of Athena right, in crested Attic helmet ornamented with three olive leaves above visor and spiral palmette on bowl, wearing round earring with central boss / Owl standing to right with head facing, olive sprig and crescent behind, AΘE before; all within incuse square.

Pedigree: Ex Prospero Collection, NY Sale XXVII, 4 January 2012, lot 371

Price: \$5,500

Archaeological evidence suggests that Athens has been occupied by humans since before 3000 BC, however, the zenith of its growth occurred during the 6th century BC. Due to the silver mines at Laurium, located about 60 km from Athens, the city was rich in silver. This gave them an advantage that few other Greek city states had: the ability to strike an abundance of coins. And strike they did! All over the Greek world tetradrachms of Athens circulated. Some even to the far east reflected a Phoenician appearance and symbolism.

While we see many different styles of tetradrachms, to the point that even a die study of the type is impossible to achieve, we see much less of the smaller denomination in silver. This coin is a drachm which as it suggests is roughly 1/4 the size of a tetradrachm. A very interesting type and one that is less visible in the current market.

References: Svoronos, pl. 13, 27; Kroll 10; SNG Copenhagen 42

Grade: Very nice style and with attractive toning. Slightly o/c on the obverse but sharp strike and a rare denomination. Some minor die breaks in the field on obverse. EF

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If you are interested in this coin please click the link above or email me at shanna@shannaschmidt.com

Until next week!
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